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Title: DEVICE FOR DETERMINING THE POSITION OR SIZE OF A HOLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Kindly make the following amendments prior to examination of this application.

Please substitute the abstract of the disclosure attached as Appendix I to this preliminary amendment for the abstract appearing on page 8 of the translation.

Please replace pages 1-5 of the translation with the substitute specification attached as Appendix II to this preliminary amendment.

Please amend claims 1-7 of the translation as follows:

1. (Amended) Device for determining the position of or for measuring a hole in a component, in particular a body part of a motor vehicle, [having] comprising:

a spike [(1)] for fitting into the hole, and
an attachment element [(2)] which can be connected releasably to the spike [(1)] and, with the spike [(1)] fitted into the hole, rests on the component surface surrounding the hole,

[characterized in that] wherein at least part of the attachment element [(2)] is produced from a magnetic material.

2. (Amended) Device according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the attachment element [(2)] has an essentially hemispherical or partially spherical shell [(3)] made of a

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